

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 2, 1988 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on August 2, 1988 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers - Room 109. Chairman James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr. presided.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Robert L. Wiles - District #3
Ernie Garrison - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Watson - County Administrator
Mike Mullinax - County Attorney
Jack Crowe - Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Stephen Crawford, Director of the Recreation Commission, asked Council to approve a \$2,000 appropriation for the Chubby Wells Basketball Camp. He explained that the Recreation Commission voted in July to match funds from the City of Anderson to help start the camp. He introduced Mr. Chubby Wells, Director of the Camp, Mr. Horace Wyatt and Tom Hughes. The \$2,000 would come from money already approved in the Recreation's budget. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the expenditure and commend the gentlemen for the job they are doing with young people. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox recognized Mr. Harry Thompson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, he presented a block graph showing all the money for recreation appropriated in Anderson County from 1980 to present. He thanked Council for their help and asked that they continue to fund recreation in Anderson County.

Sheriff Cooley thanked Council for his 1988-89 budget appropriation, and said he asked for a full time arson investigator and was cut out. He explained that arson was one of the fastest growing crimes in Anderson County and one of the hardest to convict somebody of. He said for those reasons he feels that a full time investigator is needed in order to carry the cases to court. Council heard from several Fire Commissioners. Sheriff Cooley said that the estimated salary would be \$21,000 plus clothing, an automobile at about \$11,000, radio for \$3,200 for a estimated cost of \$35,000. Councilman Garrison asked what type experience would be required for the position and over the last two

years how many fires needed an investigator . The Sheriff said that he would have to have special schooling with about 5 years experience in law enforcement. Mr. Billings stated that approximately 30-40% of all fires are questionable. Mr. Cox asked how the Fire Commission would feel if the Council voted to approve the position with the Commission furnishing the car and radio, a one time expense. Mr. Garrison, Fire Commissioner, said they could talk about it. Councilman Garrison said this should have been done before the third reading of the 1988-89 budget. Mr. Cox moved that the County fund a Fire Investigator, through the Sheriff's Department, starting January 1, 1989 contingent on the Fire Commission providing an automobile and radio. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox said that the motion approved first reading of a supplemental budget Ordinance #255.

Mr. Cox asked all Council members if they had reviewed the contract with F.J. Clark. Mr. Garrison said he did not have a copy to review. Mr. Cox then asked that action be delayed until every member has a chance to review.

Mr. Cox discussed the need to expand the membership of County Council to include additional single member districts. He said it would enhance the probability of minority representation on Council and it will reduce the size of each person's district. Mr. Cox discussed the need to put this on the ballot as a referendum in the fall by ordinance to give citizen input between now and third reading. He said the probability of a seven (7) member council passing would be greater than a nine member council. He then moved to approve Ordinance #256 on first reading to authorize the question on the November ballot, for the voters to decide, whether there should be a seven (7) member council and the said seven members coming from single member districts to be drawn and approved by the Justice Department. Mr. Garrison and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Mullinax will reduce to writing by second reading. Mr. Garrison asked that before third reading that Council specify exactly how that will appear on the ballot. Council discussed the drawing of lines. Mr. Burns said it would take at least two months to get a rough estimate if they started today. Mr. Hooper amended the motion to include a rough draft of lines and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved that Council put on the ballot a referendum for the voters to decide on four year staggered terms for County Council and to approve first reading of Ordinance #257 allowing this. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved to reappoint all members of the Civic Center Authority for another three year term. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper asked Mr. Dave Peters, Chairman of the Airport Commission, to explain a request for furniture for the Airport. He passed out a proposal for interior furniture in the Airport Terminal and said the cost of the project is expected to be around \$10,000. Mr. Wiles said he felt like this was another item that should have been considered during budget discussions. Mr. Hooper moved to refer the request to

David Watson and Rusty Burns to check out for possible state monies to purchase the equipment. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved to appoint Mr. Tom Allen to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Development Board. Mr. Hooper said that this was a district appointment. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rusty Burns explained that Council had approved right-of-ways for the State to repair Camson Road and County Home Road (two lanes). He said that the State would expand the road in front of the Detention Center to three lanes if new right-of-ways could be approved. Both roads would be accepted into the State System. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the right-of-ways and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles explained that he was thinking that Highway Safety Commission was funded with an addition \$25,000 (total \$31,000). He said he felt that this was an item that should have been funded, therefore moved to transfer \$25,000 from the Contingency fund to the Highway Safety Commission. Mr. Hooper seconded. The Chairman asked Mr. Gilreath, Chairman of the Commission, to explain what the additional \$25,000 would be used for. Mr. Gilreath tried to explain what the money would be used for. Mr. Wiles called for the question. Vote was two in favor (Wiles and Hooper) and two opposed (Cox and Garrison). Mr. Holden abstained. Motion failed.

Mr. Wiles explained that School District 3 had a paving project at Crescent High School and had requested assistance. He said the total project came to \$48,722. He moved to appropriate from Special Projects - District #3 - \$10,000 and from Road Maintenance - ASPHALT SUPPLIES --- DISTRICT #3 - \$12,000.00 for a total of \$22,000 to help toward the project. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to nominate Mr. Robert Edwards, Postmaster of Starr, to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission to fill a vacancy. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to reappoint Mr. Jack Symons to the Anderson County Board of Assessment Appeals for another four year term. Council discussed the appointments being district appointments. Mr. Hooper seconded the appointment. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden presented Resolution #462 concerning tax relief for senior citizens. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Mr. Hooper amended the motion to ask the County Attorney to work with the Legislative Delegation to get this approved. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original proposition as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Holden asked Rusty Burns to explain a proposal for moving the Land Use Department out to the Building and Codes present location. Mr. Burns said now people coming into the office are being referred to the Building and Codes Office and then back to their office which is a very confusing situation. He said that the proposal is for Mr. Tony Cirelli, Mr. Kevin Johnson and another employee presently in the Building & Codes Department, to be moved into the Building and Codes Department. This would be the first phase of "One Stop Shopping". Mr. Burns said that the present receptionist at the Building & Codes

Department can serve both offices. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Garrison said that one of the first suggestions that he made to the Administrator was the "One Stop Shopping" idea and therefore would amend the motion to instruct Planning & Development along with the County Administrator to begin plans now for a permit office where citizens can go in one office and get all permits needed. Mr. Hooper seconded the amendment and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax asked for second reading approval of Ordinance #254 creating a special tax district of Anderson County for ambulance services in the metropolitan area of the City of Anderson and to provide for the funding and operation of ambulance services therein. Mr. Cox moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Garrison said that he voted against the ordinance on first reading and no one has contacted him, therefore he has no reason to change his vote. Vote was four in favor (Cox, Hooper, Wiles, & Holden) and one opposed (Garrison).

Mr. Mullinax asked for third reading approval of Ordinance #253 amending section 5 of Ordinance #119 of 1983 which created the Anderson County Board for the Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled. Mr. Cox moved to approved on third reading and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented Resolution #461 authorizing the executive and delivery of an assistance agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Kravet Fabrics, Inc., whereby, under certain conditions, Anderson County will issue not exceeding Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) Industrial Development Revenue Bonds or Notes. Mr. Hooper moved to authorize the Chairman and Administrator to execute the Resolution and assistance agreement as presented. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax explained amendments to the Land Use Ordinance recommended by the Land Use Committee. The amendments is a grandfather clause dealing with mining and extraction operations. He asked Council for the approval of Ordinance #258 including these amendments on first reading. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax explained a joint project with the Planning & Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Pendleton Historical & Recreation Commission for the Strom Thurmond Institute and would ask for approval to expend \$10,000 to complete the study. The money has already been appropriated in the 88-89 budget (P & D). Mr. Cox moved to approve the \$10,000 expenditure and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax asked Council to approve the execution of a right-of-way agreement between Anderson County and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation. It was authorized during the June 29, 1988 and was omitted from the minutes. Mr. Hooper moved to verify the signature and approve the execution. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson thanked Council for action to consolidate the County's Code Enforcement.

Mr. J.R. McClure talked about a dirt road off Flat Rock Road and recommended that the road be closed. Mr. Mullinax explained that Council could close the road by approving a Quit Claim Deed. Mr. Wiles moved to authorize the County Attorney and County Administrator to do what is necessary to close the road. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jack Crowe presented the following purchases for Council's approval. Highway Traffic Safety Commission - purchase radar speed detector and display monitor at approximately \$2,200 which is a State Contract item. Budget funds are available he believes. Mr. Hooper moved to purchase the equipment and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Garrison at this time thanked Mr. Gilreath and members of the Commission for the work they are doing and said that he was not in favor of expanding the commission at this time because Council must try to hold the budget down. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe asked that he be allowed to recast the contract with Southern Bell for our Essx Telephone system presently in use. He said the County, School District and City could save a good deal of money. The County can save approximately \$11,000 per year. This contract will be for a five year period with Southern Bell. The City and School District both have already executed their portion of the Contract. Mr. Hooper moved to execute the contract as recommended and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Garrison asked Mr. Watson, for the record, if he was aware of the contract and approved the change. He said yes.

Mr. Crowe asked for tentative approval to spend up to \$20,000 on a drainage project (pipe) in Williamston. This money has been appropriated in the 88-89 budget. Mr. Cox moved to approve contingent on Mr. Crowe's best judgement about price of pipe. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was four in favor (Cox, Hooper, Wiles and Garrison) with one opposed. Mr. Holden opposed.

Mr. Crowe asked for tentative approval to purchase voting booths from Business Records for Registration & Elections in the amount of \$27,783. He said that the price can probably be improved. Mr. Crowe said he would visit Conway, S.C. on Wednesday to look at some used units at approximately 50% savings. Mr. Wiles said he understood that they would rather have new machines. Council discussed used units. Mr. Cox moved to approve the purchase of the used machines or new machines contingent on the recommendation of the Election Commission. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe recommended the purchase of tires and tubes from Anderson Tire & Auto in the amount of \$3,242. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe recommended the purchase of the following: (1) Solicitor's Office - Xerox Memorywriter and related software for \$4,437.00 from Fant's Office Supplies. (2) Registration/Election - 2 each Okidata 393 Microline printers at \$1,978.00 (3) Sheriff's Department - 3 each

portable walkie talkies from Motorola (state contract) in the amount of \$2,779.88. (4) EMS - 2 each LifePak-200 automatic defibrillators from Physio-Control in the amount of \$4,950.00 each. (5) Road Maintenance Department - \$35,901.96 for signs from Hall Signs - Bloomington, IN and a state grant has been approved for 100% reimbursement. Mr. Crowe stated that all of the above purchases were budgeted items. Mr. Hooper moved to approve all purchases recommended by Mr. Crowe and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked for approval of an expenditure of approximately \$2,250 for 50 hours of backhoe rental used on the Portman Road Bridge project. This was from Kenneth Thomason of Honea Path. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crowe asked Council for approval of the expenditure of \$1,895 for a Telefax machine to be used at the Planning & Development Board from Fant's Office Supplies. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Arlene Sanders presented Resolution #463 naming roads in Anderson County for the purpose of the 911 telephone system. Mr. Cox moved to approve the Resolution and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Sanders asked Council for their approval and signature on an agreement between Anderson County and Piedmont Products Company. The agreement states that if Piedmont Products does not full fill their agreement to Anderson County for providing 60 jobs by March 31, 1989 they will pay back the money to Anderson County. Mr. Wiles moved to approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mrs. Sanders explained that EDA set up a grant application for WCI. She asked Council to approve three members of the Sewer Authority and one member of the Starr-Iva Water Company to be able to sign off on vouchers. This would be for construction of a water tank that Starr-Iva will maintain and operate. Mr. Garrison asked that the Administrator's name be added. Council discussed. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the application contingent upon the approval of Anderson County's auditing firm, Greene, Lindley & Company dealing with grant funds, if it does not meet their approval another signature (Administrator's) will be added. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Sanders asked for Council to approve an amendment to Ordinance #207 establishing a uniform street naming and property numbering system and to provide the method for implementing and enforcement of said system. This would be first reading of Ordinance #259: Article II: Street Naming, Add: II.4 Street names will be selected by property owners by way of a signed petition of a majority of the property owners. This petition will be sent to the Anderson County Planning & Development Board for County Council's approval after checking for duplicate names. Add: II.5 In the event a road name is not selected by the property owners the Anderson County Planning & Development Board with County Council's approval will select a name that is not a duplicate, this road name can not be changed by the property owners for a period of one (1) year. Article IV Assignment of Numbers. Delete IV.2. "Upon receiving concurrence from postal authorities, a copy of

the correctly numbered plat will be sent to the Anderson County Building & Codes Department and the Anderson County Tax Assessor's Office". Add, "all newly assigned numbers with a plat if applicable will be sent to the Anderson County Building & Codes Department, the Anderson County Tax Assessor's office and the Address Information System Office of the United States Post Office." Mr. Hooper moved to approve the Ordinance on first reading and Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Council recessed for 15 minutes at 6:45 p.m. to look over the Courthouse Contract with F.J. Clark.

Mr. Cox called the meeting back to order and 7:05 p.m. Mr. Hooper moved to ratify action to approve the Court House Contract with F.J. Clark and Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Garrison asked if the contract was approved unanimously by the Courthouse authority. Mr. Funk was not present but all members present voted in favor explained Mr. Mullinax. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax informed Council that the agreement with Westwind and the leasing of a building at the Airport was completed and construction has already begun.

Mr. Wiles moved to extend the contract with Sloan for paving at Crescent. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to permit Road Maintenance to haul crush run and do some grading at Crescent High School. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cox moved to appropriate from District #1 - Special Projects Fund \$2,000 to West Pelzer Fire Department for a building project, \$2,000 for West Pelzer Town for sewer and \$2,000 for Pelzer Town for painting gym. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Hooper moved to appropriate \$1,500 for Whitefield Fire Department, \$2,000 for Cheddar Fire Department and \$2,000 for Broadway Fire Department for Uniforms. The money to come from District #2 - Special Projects. Mr. Cox seconded the appropriation and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper moved that the Planning & Development Board cooperate with Road Maintenance concerning the road at the Airport for White's Industries. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to appropriate \$3,000 for the Town of Iva to help with paving of the tennis courts. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens: Mr. Ben Bleckley and Ms. Sharon Marshall.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gitstrap